

Budget Unit Brief

FY 2017



Professional Licensing Bureau: Housing Trust Fund Field Auditor

History and Purpose

The Professional Licensing Bureau (PLB) was established in 1986. Since 2006, it has been a bureau within the Banking Division of the Department of Commerce. The Bureau supervises a variety of licensed professions in the state of Iowa, including:

- Accountants
- Architects and Landscape Architects
- Real Estate Brokers and Sales
- Real Estate Appraisers
- Engineers and Land Surveyors
- Interior Designers

The Bureau acts as the primary support system to the various commissions and boards that oversee each licensed profession. Each board or commission sets the requirements for examination, licensing, and regulation, as well as renewal and continuing education requirements. The Bureau also supports commissions and boards in matters of licensee compliance and discipline.

Through the Administration and Regulation Appropriations Subcommittee, the PLB receives an annual appropriation that is allocated from Housing Trust Fund. The funds are utilized by the Bureau to conduct audits of real estate broker trust funds.

Funding

With the enactment of [Senate File 2314](#) (Administration and Regulations Appropriations Act) in May 2016, the PLB received an appropriation of approximately \$62,000 from the Housing Trust Fund (HTF) for FY 2017. The appropriation amount has remained status quo over the last several years.

Related Statutes

Iowa Code section [16.181](#)

[193E](#) Iowa Administrative Code chapter [13](#)

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More Information

Iowa Professional Licensing Bureau: <https://plb.iowa.gov/>

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